

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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AVRIL RAMSAY,

Plaintiff,

-against-

**ANSWER**

07 Civ. 7190 (CM)

METRO-NORTH COMMUTER RAILROAD,

Defendant.

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Defendant, Metro-North Commuter Railroad (hereinafter“Metro-North”), by its attorney, Richard K. Bernard, General Counsel, as and for its answer to the complaint of the plaintiff, alleges as follows:

1. As to the allegations contained in paragraph(s)1, respectfully refers all questions of law and fact to judge and jury.
2. Admits the allegations contained in paragraph(s) 2 of the complaint.
3. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph(s) 3, 5, 6 and 7 of the complaint.
4. Denies upon information and belief each of the allegations contained in paragraph(s) 4 of the complaint and refers all questions of law and fact to judge and jury.

**AS AND FOR A FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

5. As and for a first affirmative defense, or as a defense in mitigation of damages, the defendant claims that any injuries allegedly sustained by the plaintiff were caused, in whole or in part, by reason of the culpable conduct of the plaintiff.

**AS AND FOR A SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

6. As and for a second affirmative defense, or as a defense in mitigation of damages, the defendant claims that the plaintiff's complaint fails to state a cause of action against the answering defendant.

WHEREFORE, defendant demands judgment dismissing the complaint, together with costs and disbursements and such other and further relief as to this Court seems just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York  
September 21, 2007

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STATE OF NEW YORK :  
 : ss:  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK:

Laura Matthews, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am not a party to the action, am over 18 years of age and reside in Bronx County, New York.

On September 21, 2007, I served a true copy of the annexed ANSWER and RULE 7.1 STATEMENT, with postage prepaid thereon, in a post-office or official depository of the U.S. Postal Service within the State of New York, addressed to the last known address of the addressee(s) as indicated below:

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S/  
LAURA MATTHEWS

Sworn to before me this  
21 day of September, 2007

S/  
NOTARY PUBLIC